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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 4 have been amended and claim 3 has been cancelled. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing claim amendments are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are rejected.

Claims 3-8 are objected to but are indicated to be allowable if suitably rewritten to independent form.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are pending and under consideration.

THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In accordance with the claim amendments, the recitations of claim 3/1 have been incorporated in claim 1 and claim 3 has been cancelled. Due to the indicated allowability of claim 3, it is submitted that claim 1 is now allowable. All the remaining pending claims 2 and 4-10 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and, for at least the reasons set forth above as to the allowability of claim 1, are likewise allowable.

Furthermore, claim 4 has been amended so as to be consistent with the amended claim 1 and, particularly, with the antecedent support now present in amended claim 1 for recitations originally, initially presented in claim 4/1.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the art the of record and, accordingly, are allowable and, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

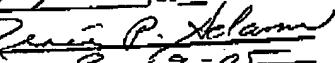
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